

REMARKS

In addition to the remarks filed with June 27, 2003 after-final amendment, entered with the attached Request for Continued Examination, Applicants submit that the Zhang reference indeed discloses removing the auxiliary barrier by destroying (evaporating/eroding/melting/dissolving) it by decreasing its volume. However, none of the methods disclosed by Zhang disclose detaching the auxiliary carrier from the base layer such that the auxiliary carrier is no longer in contact with the base layer but that it otherwise remains unchanged/intact/preserved. See, for example, claim 14 requiring "detaching the base layer from the auxiliary bearer by projecting laser radiation from a laser through the auxiliary bearer onto the base layer."

Applicants also acknowledge that claim 27 was indeed canceled in Amendment B.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant(s) petition(s) for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 449122018000. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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